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In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the reference(s) cited on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents (except U.S. patents and published U.S. patent applications) are attached.

These references have been cited in the International Search Report (copy attached) of the international patent application that is the parent of the instant continuation application. Please note that reference 1) is the equivalent of DE 195 49 70 cited in the International Search Report and discussed in the instant specification in paragraph 0011. Reference 5) is the equivalent of WO 8702315 listed in the International Search Report. Reference 6) has been discussed in the instant specification in paragraph 0012.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

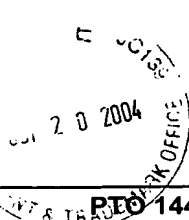
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